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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD FOOD
PROGRAM.

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1. FOR JIDDA (UNCLASSIFIED):

WFP ANNOUNCED MARCH 26 SAUDI PLEDGE TO WFP REPORTED
REFTEL. REQUEST EMBASSY INDICATE TO GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI
ARABIA US APPRECIATION SAUDI PLEDGE \$50 MILLION CASH TO
WFP FOR 1975/76 PLEDGE PERIOD. THIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION
ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME SINCE PROGRAM'S SUPPLY
OF CASH RESOURCES TENDING TOWARDS DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL.
THIS WILL GREATLY ASSIST WFP IN FULFILLING COMMITMENTS

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WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN CURTAILED BY DWINDLING

SUPPLY SITUATION. SAUDIS TO BE COMMENDED FOR CHANNELING RESOURCES INTO CRITICAL FOOD SECTOR THROUGH MULTILATERAL AGENCY. US HAS LONG BELIEVED THAT WFP BENEFITS FROM WIDER SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROGRAM.

2. FOR FODAG (UNCLASSIFIED):

ADVISE AQUINO THAT US HAS MADE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS THIS MATTER TO SAUDIS AND THAT SECRETARY BUTZ MAKING SPECIAL PRESS STATEMENT TEXT OF WHICH BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

3. COMMENT (LOU):

TOTAL SAUDI CONTRIBUTION TO WFP SINCE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION IN 1963 HAS BEEN \$150,000. THEREFORE, THIS APPEARS TO REPRESENT A NEW POLICY INITIATIVE BY THE SAUDIS WITH, POSSIBLY, IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR MULTILATERAL AID PROGRAMS IN GENERAL. KISSINGER

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